THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) According to the information furnished by the State Government of Orissa, there is no such proposal under consideration of the State Government for establishment of a new university entailing an outlay of Rs. 50.00 million.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

History, Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology as identical subjects

2151. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UGC treats History, Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology as equivalent/identical subjects-disciplines; and

(b) if so, why did it set up separate centres of advanced study at Kolkata and Aligarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC does not treat History, Culture and Archaeology as equivalent/identical subjects-disciplines.

(b) Under its Scheme of Special Assistance Programmes (SAP), UGC identifies Universities/Departments which have potential for research in various subjects. Accordingly, under the SAP, the UGC has identified, among others, the following Universities/Departments as Centres for Advanced Studies:

(i) Aligarh Muslim University for History.

(ii) History Department in Calcutta University as Department of special assistance.

Proposal for setting up of a Campus in Sri Lanka by IIT Chennai

2152. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai propose to set

up a Campus in Sri Lanka to train and offer technical assistance for establishment of an institute at par with IITs in that country;

(b) Whether Government have contributed for this project;

(c) if so, the amount given for this project; and

(d) the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Failure of CSWB

2153. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been reported that 50 years after it was decided to help poor women and children, the programme run by the Central Social Welfare Board have failed to make a mark;

(b) if so, whether this was also revealed in the latest report of the CAG of India;

(c) whether the report states that Social Welfare Boards have also proved to be ineffective and should wind up;

(d) if so, what are the other objections raised by the CAG; and

(e) whether the Centre has taken up this seriously and taking necessary steps in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The Draft Report of the CAG stated only that "As the desired momentum for a socio-economic upheaval could not be created by CSWB since its existence, it has lost its relevance for a social change". The CAG in its final report had dropped this para.